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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA WILL NOT SUPPORT IRAN'S BID FOR HUMAN  
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Classified By: Political Counselor Jeffrey DeLaurentis;  
Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarches to MFA Coordinator for U.S. and Canada Patricia Cortes May 3, emphasizing that the election of gross human rights violators, like Iran, to the new Human Rights Council (HRC) will immediately undercut its legitimacy. Cortes agreed Iran should not be elected to the HRC. She said Colombia has not made an official decision on which candidates it will support, but will not support Iran.

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